the country particularly in the Punjab State at the end of the year 1993;

(b) the action taken by Government to bring them above the poverty line during 1994; and

(c) the number of persons brought above the poverty line during 1991-92 and 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission estimates state-wise number of persons below poverty line on the basis of quinquennial survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. The latest estimates of poverty are based on the quinquennial survey held in 1987-88. In 1987-88, 2376.7 lakh person were below poverty line in the country and 13.9 lakh persons were below poverty line in Punjab. Comparable estimates for later years are not available. A number of programmes are being implemented in order to improve the quality of life of the poor households. Of these, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programmes (DDP) are being continued. These programmes enable the poor to meet their specific needs, raise their income and levels of living.

Industrial Development in Punjab

5919. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes have been formulated to accelerate industrial development of the Punjab State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and central aid provided to the State for the year 1995-96;

(c) whether the schemes have been approved and implemented in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed. *(See* below).

(c) and (d) The schemes have been formulated and included in the Annual Plan 1995-96 by the Punjab Government. These were discussed with the State Government and the outlays were approved.

Statement

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PUNJAB

According to the Plan document furnished by the State Government of Punjab, the following schemes have been included by the State Government in their Annual Plan 1995-96.

(Rs. lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Outlay
Large & Medium Industries	
(1) Punjab Financial Corporation	600.00
(2) Disbursement of incentives under various industrial policies	4350.00
(3) **Consumer Industry** Common facilities centre at Leather complex, Jalandhar	10.00
Mineral Development	
(1) Regulation of mines and minerals	5.00
Village & Small Industries	1600.00
Total	6565.00

The total central support provided to the States for all sectors for Annual Plan 1995-96 is Rs. 1302.04 crores. This includes central assistance (net) of Rs. 212.92 crores.

***WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED & UN STARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 12TH MAY, 1995**

Kolar Gold Mines

*521. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of extracting gold from Kolar Gold Mines in Karnataka (BGML) is very high as against the actual value of gold extracted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for persisting with the extraction of gold from the mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average cost of production of gold in Kolar Gold Field (KGF) Mines is about Rs. 11,000 per 10 gms as against the average sale value of about Rs. 4600 per 10 gms of Gold in Indian markets.

(c) The case of Bharat Gold Mines Limited is before the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in proceedings under Sick Industrial Companies Act (1985). It is therefore premature for the Government to take a final view, at this stage, on the continuance of the KGF operations.

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Friday, the 12th May, 1995 was cancelled. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Monday the 15th May, 1995.